

HOUSE BILL 2453
By Ferguson

AN ACT to designate a segment of State Route 58 in
Roane County in honor of Mr. R.L. "Bob" Collier.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than Mr. R.L. "Bob" Collier, one of Roane County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Mr. Collier, a gentleman who maintained a high standard of excellence throughout his 32 years of dedicated service to Roane County; and

WHEREAS, a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, Bob Collier worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of Roane County as their Road Supervisor from 1969-1988; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure as Roane County Road Supervisor, Mr. Collier played an instrumental role in the Center's Bridge and Midtown Interchange projects, as well as many other worthwhile road projects too numerous to mention; and

WHEREAS, he also served his colleagues with distinction as Treasurer of the Tennessee Road Builders Association during his term of office; and

WHEREAS, the Roane County Commission has petitioned this body to name a segment of State Route 58 in honor of Mr. Collier to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the segment of State Route 58 in Roane County from such route's intersection with State Route 72 northward to the bridge spanning the Tennessee River is hereby designated the "R.L. (Bob) Collier Parkway" as a lasting tribute to an accomplished public servant and even finer human being.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 58 described in Section 1 as the "R.L. (Bob) Collier Parkway" .

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

